Chapter Twenty-three

Reading, 'riting & 'rithmetic

Reading, writing, and 'rithmetic were familiar companions to the early settlers in Daniel and Buysville. Even though they spent long hours in winning the necessities of life, they still found time to study and to send their children to schools.

The Daniel School when Maria Christensen Giles was the teacher. Pictured are, front row, left to right, Charles Bjorkman, Taylor Bethers, Walter Ivie, Hazel Brown, Bessie Orgill, Lizzie Platt, Bertha Platt, Arabelle Orgill, Violet Elliott, William Elliott. Second row, James Orgill, Vernie Oaks, Grace Ivie, Vina Brown, Minnie Jordan, Maude Orgill, Edith Orgill, Susie Bethers. Third row, Emma Orgill, Sarah Brown, Eva Bjorkman, Cleo Brown, Charlotte Jordan, Sadie Bethers, Lydia Osick, Annie Bethers, Joseph Bethers and Ace Bethers. Fourth row, Thomas Orgill, "Fie" Smith, Ephraim Bethers, Henry Bethers, Albert Bethers, Joseph Orgill, Ted Bethers, Robert Bethers. Back row, Hyrum Christensen, Dave Bethers, Maria C. Giles, teacher, George Bethers and Don Ivie.

Students from Daniel first attended the schools at Center Creek because of the close Church affiliation between the two areas. Later, however, a small home east of the present U. S. Highway 40 and north of the county road running east, was utilized as the first Daniel school.

Moroni Gerber from Midway was the first instructor at the small school. Assisting him was an Englishman, a Mr. Phillingham, who called

himself "Lord" Phillingham. Tenure in the school, however, was short-lived at times, as evidenced by the case of Mr. Phillingham.

The illustrious Englishman engaged in an argument one day with a pupil, A. Bethers. The obstreperous Bethers boy, a large lad, was pitched from the school house by "Lord" Phillingham. His teaching assignment, which had begun just a few weeks prior, ended with the incident and he was never again heard of.

The first school house in Daniel was built by James J. Howe, John J. Henry and P. H. McGuire on a hill looking over the community. It and the school at Buysville, were both one-room log houses. Furnishings were crude home-made benches and desks, and there were few supplies.

The first teacher in the Daniel school house was Patrick H. McGuire. Since he was also bishop of the ward he arranged for Janette Oaks to substitute for him on occasion.

Discipline in the schools apparently presented a problem, for the early pupils reported in their diaries and to descendants a variety of punitive measures.

Arbelia Howe Harvey, a niece of James J. Howe, was one of the early teachers at the school. Some of her students delighted in relating

Students of the Buysville School under Orson Ryan, teacher. Front row, left to right, Virge Penfold, Lily Brierley, Lilly Bell, Lizzie Moss, Sarah Moss, Pearl Bell, Sarah Nelson, Mary Nelson, William Nelson, Maude Swain, Parley Anderson. Second row, May Hansen, Ina McDonald, Mary Brierley, Emily Brierley, Josephine Hansen, Hazel Bell, Mary Carlen, Jennie Shelton, Edwin Anderson, Arthur Moulton, Mable Bell, Jean Nelson. Third row, Orson Brierley, Romanza Bancroft, May Thacker, Elfy Nelson, Jane Carlen, Sigrid Anderson, Geneva Bell, Edna McDonald, Lily Bancroft, Walter Swain, Albert Bell, Jimmie Penfold. Fourth row, Orson Ryan, teacher, Nora Bell, Emma Bancroft, Jane Bell, Arta Penfold, Amanda Anderson, Elizabeth McDonald, Eva Shelton, Arthur Swain, Joseph Swain, Walter Anderson, Maude Bell. Back row, Joseph S. McDonald, school trustee, John McDonald, Albert Anderson, Rose Thacker, Hannah Penfold, Annie Nelson, John M. Thacker, Christina Nelson, Agnes Carlen, Isaac McDonald and Mary Ann McDonald.